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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, W. W. Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:

This letter is in comment to the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 92,235. At a time which is proving to be more and more fiscally difficult for all hospitals and even more so for rural hospitals, the changes proposed in this proposal are totally unacceptable to all those involved. Especially in a state such as Wyoming, the decrease in transmitter power and modulation deviation will very seriously affect the ability of emergency responders and health care providers to provide necessary and in many cases life sustaining care. In our particular situation in western Wyoming we are responsible for approximately 70 miles of area in a narrow valley. In order for us to reliably communicate or even to alert our emergency response crews, we rely on 3 mountain top repeaters and the full legal power of the hospital base station.

With the financial situation of not only our institution but, also I would venture, most of the others in the state of Wyoming, should this rulemaking proposal become law, many hospitals and emergency response agencies will be forced either to violate the law and continue to use the current equipment or to abandon communications and face the legal (malpractice) issues. Many agencies will just evaporate and a very large group of people will be left without adequate emergency care. Many people will die or have to endure needless pain and suffering. I would urge you to reconsider this docket and explore other solutions to the problem currently being experienced by some, but by no means all, public safety agencies in the country.

Sincerely,

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